Committee on Foreign Affairs, December 14, Sub-committee on the Middle East and South Asia, hearing entitled "Confronting Damascus: U.S. Policy toward the Evolving Situation in Syria." 10 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

December 15, Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere, markup of the following: H.R. 3401, to apply counterinsurgency tactics under a coordinated and targeted strategy to combat the terrorist insurgency in Mexico waged by transnational criminal organizations, and for other purposes; and H.R. 2542, to withhold twenty percent of United States assessed and voluntary contributions to the Organization of American States (OAS) for every permanent council meeting that takes place where Article 20 of the Inter-American Charter is not invoked with regard to Venezuela's recent constitutional reforms, and for other purposes. 11 a.m., 2172 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, December 13, Subcommittee on Crime, Terrorism, and Homeland Security, hearing on H.R. 1823, the "Criminal Code Modernization and Simplification Act of 2011." 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

December 13, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing entitled "The Costs and Burdens of Civil Discovery." 1:30 p.m., 2141 Rayburn.

December 14, Subcommittee on the Constitution, hearing entitled "Judicial Reliance on Foreign Law." 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Committee on Natural Resources, December 13, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on the following: H.R. 2512, the "Three Kids Mine Remediation and Reclamation Act"; and H.R. 3479, the "Natural Hazards Risk Reduction Act of 2011". 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

December 15, Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Affairs, hearing on the following: the Harris Neck National Wildlife Refuge and How the Federal Government Obtained Title to This Land and Promises Made to the Original Landowners; H.R. 1171, the "Marine Debris Act Reauthorization Amendments of 2011"; and S. 363, to authorize the Secretary of Commerce to convey property of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to the City of Pascagoula, Mississippi, and for other purposes. 10 a.m., 1324 Longworth.

Committee on Oversight and Government Reform, December 14, full Committee, hearing entitled "The Leadership of

the Nuclear Regulatory Commission" 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

December 14 full Committee, hearing entitled "HHS and the Catholic Church: Examining the Politicization of Grants (minority day of hearing)." 1:30 p.m., 2154 Rayburn.

December 15, Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs, hearing entitled "What the Euro Crisis Means for Taxpayers and the U.S. Economy, Pt. I." 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

December 16, Subcommittee on TARP, Financial Services and Bailouts of Public and Private Programs, hearing entitled "What the Euro Crisis Means for Taxpayers and the U.S. Economy, Pt. II." 9:30 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on Rules, December 12, full Committee, hearing on H.R. 3630, the "Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2011." 5:30 p.m., H-313 Capitol.

Committee on Small Business, December 15, Sub-

Committee on Small Business, December 15, Sub-committee on Investigations, Oversight and Regulations, hearing entitled "New Medical Loss Ratios: Increasing Health Care Value or Just Eliminating Jobs?" 10 a.m., 2360 Rayburn.

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, December 13, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, hearing entitled "The Effectiveness of Our Nation's Public Alert System." 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

December 14, Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment, hearing entitled "Integrated Planning and Permitting: An Opportunity for EPA to Provide Communities with Flexibility to Make Smart Investments in Water Quality." 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

December 15, full Committee, hearing entitled "California's High-Speed Rail Plan: Skyrocketing Costs & Project Concerns." 10 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, December 14, Sub-committee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing entitled "Is it Working: Reviewing VA's Compensated Work Therapy Program." 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

December 15, Subcommittee on Economic Opportunity, hearing entitled "Reviewing the Implementation of the VOW to Hire Heroes Act of 2011." 10 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, December 14, Sub-committee on Trade, hearing on the Trans-Pacific Partnership, 10 a.m., 1100 Longworth.

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Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 12 noon, Monday, December 12

Senate Chamber

Program for Monday: After the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 4:30 p.m.), Senate will resume consideration of the nomination of Norman L. Eisen, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, and the nomination of Mari Carmen Aponte, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador. At 5:30 p.m., Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Norman L. Eisen, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, and if cloture is invoked on the nomination, Senate will vote on confirmation of the nomination. Following disposition of the nomination of Norman L. Eisen, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Czech Republic, Senate will vote on the motion to invoke cloture on the nomination of Mari Carmen Aponte, of the District of Columbia, to be Ambassador to the Republic of El Salvador.

House Chamber

Program for Monday: To be announced.

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